HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4728, by Representatives Cox and Schoesler

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the legislature to honor excellence in every field of endeavor; and WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team proved their excellence this season by an incredible achievement; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team's heroes showed real heart when they won the Girls State A Basketball Tournament by defeating the Lind-Ritzville Broncos 65-43 in the final championship game and built on the title they won in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team achieved something no other Girls Team has done in the past - winning the state title after winning the regional championship, a feat that usually went to the team finishing second in the regionals; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team had an overall record of 27-4 for the season and dominated State A play this year; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team members include Ms. Arthur, Becky Burke, Katie Burns, Angie Dennison, Terri Fender, Calista Fowler, Gylling, Mellor, K. Shaw, Largent, Natalie Shaw, Allie Swan, Jenna Vuletich, and Kristin Watts, who together combined their exceptional skills, desires, and enthusiasm to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls Basketball Team Member, Natalie Shaw, was named the tournament's most valuable player (MVP) and a member of the State All-Tournament First Team; Team Member, Kristin Watts, was named to the State All-Tournament Second team; and Team members, Natalie Shaw, Kristin Watts, Jenna Vuletich, and Allie Swan were selected as All-League Players for the year; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team Coach, Corey Baerlocher, showed amazing skill and motivation in leading this team to the heights of State A Basketball; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team has been able to beat teams numerous times over the season, having excellent depth, outstanding ability to shoot the ball, being an outstanding transition team, and never giving up but gathering themselves together to do what needs to be done as a team when crunch time comes; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team Members and Coach exemplify the success that is possible when clear goals are established and persistent effort is made toward those goals; and

WHEREAS, The Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team Members had a cumulative Team GPA average of 3.3;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team for their dedication, sacrifice, and hard work in achieving this significant accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team Coach for his dedication, sacrifice, and leadership in achieving this significant accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor the parents, families, classmates, teachers, and community members of the Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team Members and Coach for the important part they played in helping this team excel and achieve their goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each of the Coaches and Team Members of the Colfax Bulldogs Girls' Basketball Team, and to the Principal of Colfax High School.

March 11, 2004

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk